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Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Communication dated May 21, 2003 in the above-captioned application. In response to this Office Communication, Applicants herewith concurrently submit (1) an Response to Restriction Requirement, (2) a Second Preliminary Amendment, and (3) the \$410.00 fee for a two-month extension of time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) for a non-small entity.

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